

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Western Hemlock
Tsuga heterophylla

The western hemlock has a narrowly conical shape, a conspicuously drooping leader, gracefully down-sweeping branches and delicate, feathery foliage. Male and female flowers are reddish, and appear on the same plant in spring. The cones are small and delicate. A western hemlock cone holds 30 to 40 tiny seeds (300,000 per pound) that may travel half a mile from the parent tree in only a light wind. The western hemlock was heavily used by Northwest Indians. The bark was used for tanning hides, as a dye to color wool and baskets, as a cleansing solution, a facial cosmetic, and as a hair remover. The wood was used to make spoons, roasting spits, dip net poles, combs, spear shafts, wedges, children's bows and elderberry picking hooks. The hemlock tree was also used extensively as medicine. The Western Hemlock is the state tree of Washington.



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

They say "April showers bring May flowers" and that is the truth this year! I hope everyone had a fun and productive Arbor Month. We want to thank all the communities that held events and helped promote the importance of trees. I was on the road most of April celebrating Arbor Day and promoting the Trees for the Twenty First Century program. I saw much of this beautiful state and enjoyed meeting many of the people involved in urban forestry in Washington. -Sarah

Washington Entry Wins National Poster Contest

The Urban and Community Forestry Program is excited to announce Jonathan Zander, of Snohomish, as the 2000 Arbor Day National Poster Contest winner! The annual contest is held by the National Arbor Day Foundation to promote the importance of Arbor Day and planting trees. The theme was "Trees Are Terrific...in All Shapes and Sizes." Jonathan's poster won the Washington Poster Contest, and was then entered in the National Contest. Jonathan will receive the award at the NADF's National Awards Weekend. Held since 1992, this is the first time a Washington student has been selected as the national winner. Congratulations, Jonathan! For more information on the Arbor Day Poster Contest, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

2000 Community Forestry Assistance Grants Awarded

The Urban and Community Forestry Program, the Washington Community Forestry Council, and the United States Forest Service are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2000 Community Forestry Assistance Grants. This year 41 applications were received, with a total requested amount of over \$280,000. With very diverse projects submitted, the selection committee had a tough job, but finally agreed to fund 18 projects. The total amount awarded was nearly \$110,000. All of the projects which will receive funding are listed below with a brief project description.

Big Bend RC&D	Washtucna Tree Planting
City of Bremerton	CBD/Lent Landing Tree Planting
City of Cashmere	Tree Inventory
City of Deer Park	Deer Park Arboretum
Edmonds Community College	Campus Tree Walk
City of Grandview	Educational Tree Planting
City of Longview	Community Walking Arboretum
Mid-Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement	North Fork Newaukum Creek Restoration
City of Poulsbo	Master Street Tree Management Plan
City of Puyallup	Bradley Lake Forest Management Plan
City of Richland	Forestry Inventory/ Master Tree Plan
City of Sedro Woolley	Tree Replanting and Right-of-Way Brochure
City of Stanwood	Arbor Day 2001 Downtown Beautification
City of Vancouver	Vancouver Street Tree Arboretum
City of Walla Walla	City Parks and Cemetery Tree Inventory
City of Wapato	Wapato Tree Project
Washington Native Plant Society	Ivy Removal Project
Town of Waterville	Pioneer Park Enhancement Project

Local Funding Sources Available

A list containing the websites of many local groups with funding available for a wide variety of natural resource projects has been compiled and is available by calling the TreeLink Hotline. The list includes King County Department of Natural Resources, Washington Department of Ecology, Laird Norton Endowment Foundation, and many others. Call the TreeLink hotline at 1-800-523-TREE to receive the list or for more information.

Diagnosis of Root Problems Workshop

The Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH) is holding a diagnosis and management of root problems workshop on May 9, 2000, at the Washington Park Arboretum. This workshop will discuss root pathogens and techniques to prevent and manage them. For more information, please contact CUH at (206) 685-8033.

In the works (continued)

"One generation plants the tree,
another gets the shade."
-Chinese Proverb.

TRIVIA: One large tree can lift _____
gallons of water out of the ground and
discharge it into the air in one day.

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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2001 National Tree Trust Grant Application Available

The National Tree Trust provides one year old seedlings in increments of 100 per species for planting on public lands (school yards, parks, cemeteries, golf courses, etc.) or along roadsides. All projects must utilize volunteers. The seedlings are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and applications are due by May 31, 2000. For more information, contact the National Tree Trust at 1-800-846-8733 or on the web at www.nationaltreetrust.org.

Managing Trees and Sidewalks Workshop

The PNW-ISA is holding a continuing education workshop on Managing Trees and Sidewalks June 7, 2000, in Mount Vernon. The workshop will include sessions on understanding the connection between roots and sidewalk displacement, evaluation of root barrier methods, applications of structural soil technology, and city forester perspectives on practical approaches to tree and sidewalk conflicts. The cost of the session is \$60 for PNW-ISA members and \$75 for non members. Register by May 17, 2000, to be eligible for a discount. More information and registration forms are available by calling the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-1509.

2000 Pacific Northwest Community Trees Conference

The fifth PNW Community Trees Conference will be held May 17-19, 2000, in Anchorage, Alaska. This conference brings together urban foresters, arborists, planners, landscape architects, horticulturists, and citizen activists interested in improving the livability of our communities through the planting and care of trees. Contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285.

New Home for PNW-ISA

The chapter office for the PNW-ISA has moved to a new location at the Oregon Garden in Silverton, Oregon. The Oregon Garden is a 240-acre botanical garden and arboretum, and has the facilities to host many continuing education workshops in the future. The new mailing address is P.O. Box 811, Silverton, Oregon 97381, and the phone number is (503) 874-8283. They can also be reached by e-mail at info@pnwisa.org.

Conserving Wooded Areas in Developing Communities, Best Management Practices in Minnesota. This booklet, published by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, is a guide for conserving wooded areas in developing communities. While designed for Minnesota, the booklet has many points relevant to Washington. A copy is available for loan by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Carbon Dioxide Reduction Through Urban Forestry; Guidelines for Professional and Volunteer Tree Planters. This book, published by the USDA Forest Service, discusses climate change and how trees in urban areas interact. Urban Forestry program design and implementation guidelines are given, as are examples from around the country. This book is also available for loan by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

May

3 *Tree Failure Analysis.* Contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.

9 *Diagnosis and Management of Root Pathogens.* For more information on this workshop, contact the Center for Urban Horticulture at (206) 685-8033.

9-11 *Buffers: Commonsense Conservation for Urbanizing Landscapes National Conference.* Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska City, Nebraska. For more information, call the NADF at 1-888-448-7337 or the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

17-19 *2000 Pacific Northwest Community Trees Conference.* Anchorage, AK. Contact the PNW-ISA at 1-800-335-4391.

27 *Small Trees for the Northwest.* Washington Park Arboretum. Contact CUH for more information at (206) 685-8033.

June

7 *Managing Trees and Sidewalks.* Contact the PNW-ISA for more information.

23 *ISA Certification Exam, Seattle.* This is the only test currently being offered in Seattle in 2000. For more information or to register, contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.